

Commissioners:

I urge you NOT to allow the power companies to provide broadband internet services over power lines.

Often I transmit and receive with stations using 5 watts or less. It takes patience, experience, and a very low noise receiver to receive a low power signal in the face of the ever growing number of interference sources. These power levels test the ability of the operator and equipment and also provide real world experience in establishing communications in less than desirable conditions - IE; emergency communications.

The power companies have already shown their inability to maintain the grid sufficient to prevent interference with amateur radio operators thus far if the number of reported power line interference complaints is any indication. Please do not allow them to worsen the RF pollution situation in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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